

PRIORITY ONE: HEALTH INTEGRATION AND POPULATION HEALTH IMPROVEMENT

Develop strategies and key partnerships/collaborations with stakeholders to 1) improve consumer access and experience with health-related County services; and 2) increase investment in community public health to improve population health and reduce healthcare costs.

HEALTH AGENCY /INTEGRATION (County Initiative)

EHR System: Implement Department of Health Services EHR system (ORCHID) and transition all Public Health clients from PHIS to ORCHID in at least five Public Health Center sites.

Clinic Site Co-location: Co-locate Department of Health Services (DHS) and Department of Public Health (DPH) clinic staff in at least five Public Health Center sites.

DOJ/ROSAS REFORMS (County Initiative)

Countywide Jail Health: Collaborate with the DHS' Correctional Health Services, and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) program to link inmates needing SUD treatment into community-based services upon re-entry into the community. The SUD treatment will be based on medical necessity.

DRUG MEDI-CAL WAIVER

DMC-ODS: Obtain approval from the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the County's DMC-ODS implementation plan for a managed care substance use disorder (SUD) service delivery system. In addition, obtain approval from the DHCS for the County's DMC-ODS fiscal plan with enhanced provider payment rates comparable to those used in mental health and physical health. Last, obtain approval from the Board of Supervisors for a new County contract with DHCS for DMC-ODS. The system will expand network adequacy to provide a continuum of community-based SUD treatment services for LA County residents and improve health outcomes.

ACCREDITATION

Accreditation: Obtain Public Health Accreditation from the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) to increase Department accountability and credibility as a local public health department.

STRATEGIC PLAN

DPH Strategic Plan: Draft the 2017-2022 DPH Strategic Plan to chart a path forward by establishing Departmental priorities and strategies to improve the health of communities throughout LA County.

MARIJUANA

Marijuana: Clarify DPH's role, develop the infrastructure needed, and build internal capacity to prepare for the legalization of recreational marijuana in California and to prevent adolescent use and adult misuse. This includes consulting with jurisdictions that have passed--or are in the process of passing--recreational marijuana laws, defining possible DPH regulatory functions, identifying community education needs, and collecting effective youth-focused marijuana prevention campaigns from around the country, particularly in jurisdictions with recreational marijuana laws.

PRIORITY TWO: ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE & SUSTAINABILITY

Protect the health of LA County residents and the environment through: 1) appropriate actions to assess and mitigate negative health impacts of environmental disasters and other adverse events; and 2) the promotion and development of County-wide strategies to reduce waste and its negative impact on the environment.

BOARD INITIATIVE: ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OVERSIGHT AND MONITORING

Environmental Justice: Work with the Chief Executive Office to develop a concept paper to implement the Board initiative: Environmental Health Oversight and Monitoring. The concept paper will propose a course of action meant to avert emergencies, detect and analyze existing and emerging threats, build community resilience, respond nimbly to rapidly unfolding emergency situations, and assist communities in returning to normalcy as quickly as possible. Implementation will include two pilot projects in the unincorporated area to proactively address high-risk industrial facilities in close proximity to the public for the purpose of: 1) bringing targeted facilities into full compliance with regulations; and 2) improving the overall rate of compliance throughout the focus area leading to improved environmental conditions.

SUSTAINABILITY (County Initiative)

Climate Change Mitigation & Preparedness: Work with key DPH divisions to develop a work plan with at least two climate change goals for implementation in FY 17-18, pursuant to the Department's Five Point Plan to Reduce the Health Impacts of Climate Change.

PRIORITY THREE: SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

Address determinants that lead to poor health outcomes in high-need neighborhoods and/or populations by collaborating with multiple sectors to reduce health disparities through new policies, practices and programs that support healthy lifestyles.

HOMELESSNESS

Health Impact Assessments: Conduct Health Impact Assessments (HIAs) to inform policymakers on the impact of housing-related policies and programs on homelessness. This includes: 1) Publishing an HIA focused on the Los Angeles City November ballot initiative JJJ to examine the potential health impacts of affordable housing; and 2) Leading an HIA on DHS' Housing for Health program to assess its effects on health outcomes and service utilization of DHS, Department of Mental Health (DMH), DPH, Department of Public Social Services, Probation and Sheriff's Department for previously homeless individuals. Preliminary data analysis of the program's health impacts will be completed by June 2017. The full report and analysis will be completed by June 2018.

TRANSITIONAL-AGE YOUTH

Transitional-Age Youth: Support the long-term self-sufficiency of transitional-age youth (TAY) with chronic health conditions by improving workforce capacity, practices, and available resources to facilitate successful youth transition planning. Activities will include: training for staff who serve youth with special health care needs; increasing screening and referrals for needed support services; integrating Public Health Nurses in Child Family Team meetings for foster youth; and making the PH Toolkit for TAY through a mobile application.

GOVERNMENTAL ALLIANCE FOR RACIAL EQUITY (GARE)

GARE: Develop a Los Angeles County Race Equity Plan, in collaboration with a number of County Departments, which seeks to institutionalize and sustain race equity in County culture and practice, and establishes a framework for advancing race equity countywide.

PRIORITY FOUR: HEALTH PROTECTION AND DISEASE CONTROL

Protect residents from emergent and other infectious diseases through the delivery of new and existing biomedical interventions and regulatory functions to reduce the spread of disease and protect population health.

DISEASE CONTROL

Mosquito-Borne Viruses: Develop a robust and comprehensive Mosquito-Borne Virus Prevention and Control Action Plan to: 1) reduce the incidences of West Nile Virus endemic to LA County; and 2) take action to mitigate the impact of Zika virus in LA County.

Invasive Meningococcal Disease (IMD): Develop and implement an IMD Response Action Plan to: 1) contain the IMD outbreak that began March 2016; and 2) prevent the further spread of this disease in the community with an emphasis on reaching populations at greater risk, including HIV-positive individuals and men who have sex with men (MSM).

PRIORITY FIVE: ADMINISTRATION

Improve the Department's infrastructure and internal capacity to advance the DPH mission and current initiatives through policies, procedures, and trainings that focus on administrative services, contracts and grants, finance, human resources, and workforce development to support programmatic work.

Active Shooter Training: Enhance workplace safety and increase employee awareness by launching an active shooter workplace training that trains at least 50% of the DPH staff by the end of the reporting period.

Promotoras: Work in partnership with DMH to develop a model that expands the use of Promotoras/community outreach workers to support departmental activities. DPH will also explore opportunities to increase the number of available Promotoras/community outreach workers to conduct community outreach and engagement on emergent public health preparedness and response activities.